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AGREEMENTS WITH MOZAMBIQUE
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Mozambique have signed three agreements besides agreeing upon a credit line of US$ 500 million for infrastructure project; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the MoUs signed so far and its implementation status thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SMT PRENEET KAUR)

(a) & (b) During the State visit of the President Armando Guebuza of Mozambique from September 29- October 4, 2010 the following three Agreements/MoUs were signed between India and Mozambique; (i) MOU between the Government of India and the Government of Mozambique on Cooperation in the fields of Mineral Resources; (ii) Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) between India and Mozambique;(iii) MOU on Cooperation in the field of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) between the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises of India and the Ministry of Industry and Commerce of Mozambique.

The Prime Minister of India announced that India would provide Lines of Credit of US$ 500 million to support infrastructure projects, agriculture and energy. In this context, it is noted that in May 2010, India announced a Line of Credit of US$ 25 million for rural electrification, and in all, six LOCs amounting to US$ 140 million are operational or have been completed.

The list of Agreements/ MoUs signed so far between India and Mozambique besides the above mentioned three Agreements/ MoUs and their implementation status is as follows:

(i) Agreement on Establishment of Inter-Governmental Joint Commission between India and Mozambique was signed in March 1999. Meetings were held in December, 2002 and February, 2009 under this agreement. During these meetings, the whole range of bilateral issues were discussed.

(ii) Protocol for Political Consultations between the Foreign Ministries of India and Mozambique was signed in December 2002. The Protocol provides for consultations between the Foreign Ministries of the two countries annually at different levels and alternatively in Maputo and New Delhi.

(iii) Trade Agreement between India and Mozambique was signed on 19 February, 1982. Discussions are going on to update the Agreement.

(iv) Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation in the field of Agriculture was signed in May 2003. The MoU is being implemented through a Work Plan.

(v) Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the Field of Science & Technology was signed in May 2003. A programme of cooperation for the period 2005-09 was established under the MoU.

(vi) Agreement on Bilateral Promotion and Reciprocal Protection of Investment (BIPA) was signed on 18-19 February, 2009. The agreement was ratified with effect from 23 September, 2009.

(vii) Agreement on Cooperation in the Field of Health and Medicine was signed in February 2004. Areas of cooperation have been identified.

(viii) Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the field of Coal Resources was signed on 26 May, 2006. Discussions have been held between the two sides under the MoU.

(ix) Memorandum of Understanding in the field of Defence Cooperation between India and Mozambique was signed in March 2006. Discussions have been held between the two sides under the MoU.

(x) Agreement on Cooperation in the field of Culture between India and Mozambique was signed on 9 April, 1982.

(xi) Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperation in the Field of Labour was signed in April 2003. The MoU provided for Joint

Working Group the first meeting of which took place in April 2004 in Mozambique.